S.N	Stretch	Development/Construction undertaken by NHAI
3	Oelhi-Meerut	The stretch is already 4 laned. Action initiated for award of DPR bids for 6 laning of this stretch.
4	Bangalore-Chennai	The section has been 4-laned as part of Golden Quadrilateral Project except for Kancheepuram-Poonamallee Section of NH-4 (km 70.2 to Km 13.8, with estimated cost of Rs. 164.37 crore and progress 88.5%).
5	Delhi-Agra	The section has been 4-laned. Construction of a 6-lane elevated Highway at Badarpur (km 16.7 to km 19.7 and approaches) on NH-2 at an estimated cost of Rs. 270 corre with target date of completion of work by December 2009, is planned. Prequalification of bidders has been done. Tenders are likely to be invited by June, 2006 after consultation with Government of Delhi/Haryana.
6 .	Kolkata-Dhanbad	The stretch has been 4-laned as part of the Golden Quadrilateral Project except for Vivekananda Bridge and approaches which has been taken up on BOT basis with estimated cost of Rs. 641 crore.

Express Highway project

† 509. SHRIMATI KAMLAMANHAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a consensus has been arrived at for an "Express Highway" project to connect Outer Delhi with the cities of neighbouring States in order to making the traffic smooth in National Capital, Delhi and neighbouring States Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, etc. and whether Government are considering to sanction this project;

(b) if so, the details of the said project;

(c) the assessment of the expenditure likely to be incurred on the project and the amount to be provided by concerned States and the Central Government; and

(d) the target set for commencing and completion of the said project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Regional Plan-2021 of National Capital Region notified on 17.09.2005

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

recommends implementation of Peripheral Expressways comprising Eastern and Western Peripheral Expressway on priority basis on first phase besides other radiating roads and National Highways. Consensus on construction of Peripheral Expressway has been arrived at.

(b) and (c) The length comprising both Peripheral Expressways (Eastern and Western) is about 269 Km. As per preliminary estimates, the cost of the proejct including cost of land acquisition is Rs. 4120.00 crore. The project is to be executed on Built Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis. The funds for viability gap, if required, would be provided by the Union Government. The cost of land acquisition presently assessed, as Rs. 1307.00 crore is to be shared by the Governments of Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh in the ratio of 50:25:25.

(d) The project of Peripheral Expressway is scheduled for commencement by July 2006 and is likely to be completed by October 2010.

National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

510. SHRI C.RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the works on the stretch of the sanctioned National Highways falling in the various districts of Andhra Pradesh are likely to commence and be completed;

(b) whether the funds have since been allocated for the said projects;

(c) if so, quantum thereof; and

(d) if not, the reason thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Forty two works sanctioned on various stretches of National Highways falling in various districts of Andhra Pradesh are already under progress and likely to be completed by March, 2007. In addition, there are eighteen sanctioned works, which are yet to be awarded.

(b) and (c) An amount of Rs. 271.20 crore has been allocated for the said projects during 2005-06.